THE INDIANA NEARLY READY TO REJOIN THE FLEET.

TWO OTHER VESSELS, THE NEWARK AND THE

MONITOR TERROR, ALSO ALMOST READY—DE-LAY IN FINISHING THE PURITAN AND

THE ATLANTA-PUSHING WORK ON THE SEA WALL.

At last there is an end in sight of the work necessary to fit the Indiana for her place in the squadron, although she will not take part in the short cruise of the ships now off Tompkinsville, Staten Island, which is scheduled to begin tomorrow at noon. The announcement was made pesterday that to-day would be the last Sunday in which work on the ship would be carried on. and that the end of this week would probably see all the jobs on the big battle-ship completed. The ship was, as usual, overrun with visitors yesterday, and every place to which visitors were dmitted was inspected and commented on. One thing, the people of Brooklyn and New-York, and the strangers who have taken enough of their time in town to make a short visit to the yard. have had nothing but praise for, and that is the unfalling courtesy of the officers and crew of the ship in the way of showing visitors over the One does not have to wander around more than a few minutes before there is a respectful salutation and the question: "Would you see the ship?" An affirmative answer starts the volunteer guide agoing, and if he is vill do the rest. The interest shown in the vessel has been remarkable, and is especally gratifying to her officers and men, for they are proud of her and take a delight in explaining all her good points of offence and defence. She will take her place with the other vessels of Rear-Admiral Bunce's fleet without delay after the workmen of the steam engineering and construction bureaus are through with her.

The Newark is expected to go down the Bay within a few days, as she is practically ready for sea. Captain Theodore F. Kane, whose latest command was the Monterey, will have command of the ship, and this assignment disposes of the rumor that Capteln Kane is to succeed Captain Frederick Rodgers, at present captain of the yard, when he goes to take charge of the ready, with the exception of a few unimportant

as the Board of Inquiry which is investigating the wrangle between the Bureaus will be nothing done in reference to terest by a large number of people who have and are enxious to see her completed as soon as

THE CHICAGO TO LOSE HER SPONSONS which is also undergoing repairs, have With the Atlanta, however, to the Board of Construction, and, after a warm say that overwork is the cause of his present illness. Chief was adopted. Secretary Herbert has since chinery of the Atlanta is in need of repairs which be in condition to stand several years of ser- sation. pulsion to the twin serows, it will be neces: alter the whole after end of the ship, and this question, however, will probably be settled before the machinists are ready to begin work on her, as at present they have their hands full of business with the Chicago and other vessels.

The contractors who are building the new timber drydock announce that the dock will be ready to take water by July 1, but as there will still be the quay wall to be built and some other work done cutside the line of the caleson, it will not be ready to receive a vessel for another month at the least. This state of affairs is entirely satisfactory to the civil engineers, and they are free with congratulations to the contractors for the speed with which the work has been rushed ahead.

A CONTRACTOR'S LITTLE SURPRISE. A curious point has come up in reference to the new gate at Sands-st., on which there has been so much delay. The contractors, T. J. Carlin & Co., have completed more than one-half the amount of Work called for in the contract, and recently made an application for the payment due on account when a certain percentage of the work was finished. An inspection followed, and while it was found that the aggregate amount of work completed was more than enough to warrant the payment, there were one or two small items, of little importance, which had not been finished, and as they were called for in the contract word was sent to the contractors that on the completion of these items the payment would be made. To this the contractors replied that they had completed more than the percentage required, and if the Department insisted on the carrying out of the detale and letter of the contract in the instances specified that was all there was to it. The firm was not in need of money, and could and would so ahead and finish the work, and payment could be made later. This is a totally new proceeding for contractors on the Government work in the and was a surprise to the Department as as to the officers directly interested. As the Mintees with which the firm declined to enter

by any controversy over the payment speaks will for its financial resources.

There will be a sea wall stretching north from the end of Main-st. in a few weeks if the weather holds good, and about five-eighths of the concrete structure is above water at the present time, part of it being fitted with mooring posts. The cribwork on the inside of the wall is being pisced as rapidly as possible, although that top speed is all too slow for the yard officers and the Department. The wall is needed more than any other of the yard improvements, for, with the station the headquarters of the North Atlantic Squadron, the largest of the Navy, there will always be a demand for berthroom, and at present it occasionally calls for some fine jugging to accommodate all the vessels which are, for one reason or another, called to the yard.

Men expert in masonry and brickwork have been for the last week inspecting the new wall and buildings of the Naval Hospital, in Flushing-ave, and, although no report has been made and their labors will not be finished for a few daya, there is enough known to warrant the prediction that there is trouble ahead for some one. It is said that there will be a large amount of the work which will have among other tasks the placing of the responsibility for the faulty work. The trouble will seriously delay the completion of the hospital work, and is a cause of much annoyance to the doctors who have waited a long time for the new facilities which the work was supposed to furnish.

Acal has been issued for proposals for a new iron roof for Building No. 11, and bids are to be opened on June 3. The contract will amount to about \$20,000. any controversy over the payment speaks

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST. promoters of the proposed Naval Militia in the transfer of the proposed Naval Militia in the proposed Naval noters of the proposed Naval Militia in Brookin time to take part in the big encampment

AFFAIRS IN THE NAVY YARD. of the Reserves this summer. The preliminary plans for the formation of a division of the Naval Militia in Brooklyn have been made, and it is only a question of time when the organization will be effected. The Department expects to have a joint encampment of the New-York and Connecticut divisions at Orient Point during the first week in July

Orders have been issued by Secretary Herbert to the commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard directing him to detaif all the sailors at the yard to duty in connection with the parade in New-York City May 30. The marines will be assigned to take part in the parade in Brooklyn. This is a reversal of the condition that obtained hast year in the Memorial Day parades in the cities of Greater New-York, the marines going to New-York and the Bluejackets to Brooklyn. Secretary Herbert expects that the ships of the fleet will be back in ample time to take part in the water parade to be held on Memorial Day. Secretary Herbert has anounced his intention of ordering the vessels to take part in the parade, so that New-York can promise itself an interesting sight in the harbor on Memorial Day.

An order will soon be issued by Secretary Herbert defining the duties of the division officer and the ordinance officer and placing the responsibility for failure to fill the recoil cylinders of the guins on board ship. It is prompted by the accident on board the Olympa suprements of Orders have been issued by Secretary Herbert

of the guns on board ship. It is prompted by the accident on board the Olympia some months ago and the recent accident on board the Montas a result of which two officers were

### GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

A committee from the Associated Cycling Clubs of Long Island called upon Mayor Wurster yesterday and requested him to approve Alderman Clark's resolution for the repaying of Schermer-South Ninth-st., Fourteenth-st. and Belford-ave at the crossings of streets occupied by railroads. Commissioner Willis, who was also visited by the

The United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue has disapproved the application of the Brooklyn Wharf and Warehouse Company for per mission to establish a bonded warehouse at Twen ty-sixth-st. The Washington Department says it is contrary to the policy of the Department to estab-

Ex-Alderman Webster R. Walkley salled yesterday on the Prussla for Hamburg. While in Europe he will visit Herlin, Paris and London

sermon to-night in the Lafavette Avenue Presby-A. R. The music for the service will be app priate to the occasion. Hymns will be sung to old eight voices will sing special music.

The Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs will preside at lev in the completion of the Terror's big sister, the annual alumni dinner of Amherst College on June 24. He will also make an address comn orative of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Amherst. Lieutenant Robert E. Peary will give a lecture in

the Church of Our Father, at Grand-ave, and Lefferts Place, on Wednesday evening. His subject "The Exploration of Northernmost Green

cording secretary, Mrs. Seth Abrahs, of Brook-

M. Ball. The canal-boat Francis A. Travers will also be sold on Thursday morning. Marie Arnold called at the Charities Department

summons compelling Horace L. Arnold, the poet, to explain why he should not support her.

Three bicycle riders-Fred Killhan, of No. 325 Mar-ket-st; Harry Newton, of No. 77 Magenta-st, and style of the build n reviewing the subject, and Chief Navai John Westiake of No. 312 Market-st., were arrested Constructor Hichborn has filed with the Secre- by Policeman Daniel O'Connell yesterday and ara severe lecture, on the ground that these were their will not cost more than \$30,000, and will then was also arrested and discharged on the same accu-

operation will cost not less than \$250,000. This a committee of the following members: Andrew R.

Judges Hurd and Aspinall, Surrogate Abbott, Su preme Court Justice Clement, Corporation Counsel Burr and several other officials held a consultation yesterday afternoon concerning the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission over appointers of the former county officers. It was decided that a test case should be taken into the courts in order to determine beyond a doubt the perplexing problem which the lawyers could not decide for themselves. Justice Walsh held Hans Gulbrauson, of No. 223

Bond-st., yesterday on a charge of grand larceny, entered by Alonzo Nodine, who owns a livery stable at Nos. 156-and 158 Pierrepont-st. Nodine charges that Gulbrauson has about \$350 worth of furs, which he took to repair and keep during the summer months. Guibrauron was to take the furs to Mrs. Olea Stone, of No. 122 Atlantic-ave., for whom he worked, but instead of doing this, he is charged with having taken them to a house at No. 79 Bridgest. Gulbrauson said that he did not intend to steal the furs, but merely intended to mend them himself The annual meeting of the Department of Chemis

Ament involved was close to \$11,000, the try of the Brooklyn Institute was held on Friday evening at No. 99 Livingsion-st. The officers chosen were: President, Professor Peter T. Austin, Ph. D. vice-president, Professor H. W. Schimpf; secretary, Walter H. Kent. An illustrated lecture was given by Harry T. Weed on the manufacture of fron.



ROYAL ARCANUM BUILDING.

THE NEW HOME OF THE ORDER IN TOMP-KINS-AVE.

EXCAVATIONS ARE BEING MADE AND THE COR NERSTONE WILL BE LAID THIS YEAR-HOW IT WILL APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED

Some time last year the Royal Arcanum, o Brooklyn, contemplated buying the well-known Johnston Building, at Flatbush-ave, and Nevinsst. The project was not carried out, however, and soon after the Board of Directors purchased a site in Tompkins-ave., between Jefferson-ave. and Hancock-st., upon which it is now proposed to

building fund grew rapidly a Board of Directors was elected by the subscribers, and through this board the work of raising funds and procuring plans has been vigorously pushed. The site chosen by the committee is most desirable. It is near the geographical centre of Brooklyn, and is tial section surrounding it is second to no other | made for Mr. Johnson.

Subscription books were opened, and as the



THE ROYAL ARCANIM BUILDING

Gates-ave. Theta Chapter of the Alpha Zeta Psi will give their regular annual dance, in charge of a committee of the following members: Andrew R. Macrery, chalfman; George A. Fowers, ir. Waiter L. Slater and Charles M. Sellman.

Application was made yesterday to Justice Gaynor, of the Supreme Court, to reopen the case of Eliza Burggraf agains: Frank Burggraf for an absolute divorce. The defendant is a musician. Mrs. Burggraf secured a divorce from her husband in the Supreme Court on May 8, and on the application made yesterday the defendant alleged that he had received no notice of the proceeding, and did not know anything about it until the decree was granted. Decision was reserved.

The Woman's Health Protective Association will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon in the grounds of Mrs. Jere Johnson, jr.'s, home, No. 168 Hancock-st. If the day proves stormy, the meeting will be postponed until the following afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Farrington, president of the association, will tell of the work done by the association in years past, and other addresses will be made. Delegates will be present from the Children's Ald Association and all societies affiliated with the Health Protective Association.

Judges Hurd and Aspinall, Surrogate Abbott, SuJudges Hurd and Aspinall, Surrog

IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

A HARRIED JEW COMPLAINS OF ROB-BERY.

HE SPEAKS ONLY VIDDISH AND SAYS HE WAS PLUNDERED BY FOOTPADS.

Simon Hirsch, a Hebrew, sixty-five years old, living at No. 146 Attorney-st., New-York, through an interpreter in the Lee Avenue Police Court yesterday told a story of having been robbed o \$1,000 by two strange men at Broadway and Herry st. last Monday. Hirsch, who has visited the court om every day since the alleged robbery, yesterday got the first of perfunity to tell his story. He speaks ally Yiddish. He was dressed in a black suit, work a high slik hat and gold-rimmed eyeglasse

Hirsch said he carried the money in a leather bag strapped under his coat, and was returning to his nome with a baby carriage he had bought in Browns ville when he met the two men, who offered t protect him from a number of boys who had pulle profession whiskers. Justice Gostling referred him to the police of the Justice Gostling referred him to the police of the Clymer-st station. While talking with the interpreter Hirsch left his silk hat on one of the temperature of the contribution. The hat was gone when he went to look for it, and an old slouch hat was The police doubt his story of the robbery.

It was 7 o'clock yesterday morning before the ol in the tank which blew up in Pratt's Oil Works, Kent-ave, and North Thirteenth-st., Friday night burned out. The firemen stayed all night, keeping the adjoining tanks wet with water to prevent an spread of the flames. The loss at the works is estispread of the names. The loss at the works is esti-mated at \$14,000, and the damage to the adjoining property by the explosion will reach \$7,000. This loss is from smashing windows and knocking down ceilings. Windows were broken in houses as far as

THE FIRE AT THE PRATT REFINERIES.

HIS PLURALITY OF AFFECTIONS. Justice Goetting, in the Lee Avenue Police Court yesterday, remanded Edward Raab, of No. 10 Central-ave., for trial on a charge of trifling with the affections of Sophie Helfrich, nineteen years old, who lives at No. 191 Throop-ave. The two met at sociable several months ago, and Raab at once gan his love-making. Raab finally asked her to try him, and she consented. Recently Miss Heich noticed that Raab was not as attentive as been, and learned that he was also making love to other young women, each of whom he is alleged have promised to marry.

AN ARM BROKEN BY A FALL.

Peter Hermann, ten years old, of No. 337 Staggwhile stealing a ride on the back of a wagon Friday night fell from the vehicle, at Morgan-ave. and Meserole-st. receiving a fractured left arm and several lacerated wounds of the body. He was removed to St. Catherine's Hospital. WILD RAILROAD RUMORS.

REPORTS THAT THE HEIGHTS AND NASSAU LINES HAD CONSOLIDATED AND BEEN SOLD TO THE METROPOLITAN TRACTION COMPANY.

A message from Cleveland, 'Tom Johnson's ome, stating that the Brooklyn Heights and Nassau Electric Rallway companies had consolidated, tused considerable excitement about the City Hall report was circulated that the Metropolitan Traction Company had bought both the Brooklyn Heights Nassau companies. A Tribune reporter visited the offices of both companies for information. Presdent Rossiter, of the Brooklyn Heights Company,

"This is the first I have heard of the story, and you many say that not only is the report lake, but there is absolutely no foundation for it. Our lations with the Nassau people are much more and an arrangement has lately been completed which will be advantageous to both com-panies. We are perfecting and improving our sys-

## POLICEMEN IN LINE.

THE ANNUAL PARADE OF THE DEPART-MENT NOT MARRED BY ACCIDENTS.

The annual parade of the Brookiyn police for warm to be unpleasant for the march, and no one was overcome by heat, as was the case with a number of the officers last year. The parade started from the fountain in Belford-ave, at 2 o'clock, an was headed by Superintendent William J. McKelvey The mounted policemen, who headed the first battal-tor, attracted the most attention, and were ap-planded all along the line of march for their fine also came in for a large share of applause. Their gray uniforms made a pretty contrast to the darkdue uniforms worn by the city police.

Many of the houses along the line of march were

prettily decorated with bunting and flags. The line of march was through Bedford-ave, to Lafayetteive., to Lavingston-st., to Clinton-st., to Remsen and past the City Hall to Fulton-st., where th officers broke ranks and went to their respective precincts. In front of the City Hall, where the resolicemen smiled their prefficest and threw back heir shoulders for the special benefit of Mayor arster and the other prominent persons, there Wurster and the other prominent persons, then Among those who witnessed the parale with Mayo Warster were Police Commissioner Weiles, Par Commissioner Timothy L. Woodraff, Tax Collecto R. Rors Appleton, Register Henry A. Powell, William Berri, president of the Union League Chip Captain Whitman, of California, Captain Warren of Roston, and the members of the Board of Aldermen. men. After the line broke up luncheon was served in Wilson's parlors, in Pierrepont-st., for Commissioner Welles, his staff and the guests of honor.

#### BIG TRANSFERS UNDER WAY. Most of the large real estate offices now close at

noon on Saturdays, so the following list of transfers s shorter than usual. There are undoubtedly sev-Appellate Court in practically smashing the work of the Rapid Transit Commission will do much to hasten the consummation of these projects, so at least said several real estate operators yesterday.

Nostrand-ave, No 203, 209 ft e s, 20 ft n of Lex-ington-ave, Sex70, Mary A Hoffman, New-York, to Euclin A Mallette, mostgage \$30,000. St James Place, e s, 146 ft n of Gates ave, 20x100, house and lot, Samuel B Sanford, Troy, N Y, to John H Reat Ment 430 ft s w of Central ave. 20x100; er. New York, to William Holiriegel, Helene Herr, New York, to William Hollriegel, morkgage 32,000 morkgage 32,000 amounts Madison st. 25x100, house mildred ave. se corner Madison st. 25x100, house and lot. Emil Reineking to Joseph Abraham, meen st. s. 20 ft w of Clinton st. 30x100, louse and lot. Prederick A Miller and another, xecutors of Charles A Townsend, to Mary L. 11,500 Ward

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wouth corner 70th et. 1003200; Miliard F Daith,
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traiford et. late Buther ave, e. 8, 220 ft. s of Fulton et. 15g100; Anna C Gecker to Henry French, n.st. 153109 Anna George Briggs 153109 Anna George Briggs 153109 Anna George Briggs 153109 Anna George Briggs 15310 Anna Cowenhoven Sell Place, w.s. 150.9 ft s. of Herkimer-st. 16.3 17.6 Louise F Stade, Westheld, N. J. to Carl 5.000 Russell Place, w. F. Slade, Westfield, N. J. to Carl Xa976; Louise F. Slade, Westfield, N. J. to Carl Taylor.

44th-st, n. e. s. 350 ft s. e. of 12th-ave, 50x100.2;

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45th-st, n. s. 153.3 ft e. of 5th-ave, 17.8x100.2; house and lot; James Burks to William Surrock, mortgage \$1.80.

Middagh-st, s. s. 219.11 ft e. of Hicksest, 16x100x, 17.5x100; John H. Cook to Ewen Hammill, mortgage \$2.000.

Avenue A. s. s. 105 ft e. of Oceansave, 50x150; Long Island Investment and Improvement Co. to Edward J Smith, mortgage, \$2.000.

Eastern Parkway, s. e. corner Osborn-st, 25x100, foreclosure, William J Battling to Herbert C. Smith 3,300 3,500 foreclosure: William J Buttling to Herbert C Smith Seventh-ave, e s. 50.2 ft n of 40th-st. 25x100; James Delaney to Samuel Boorman Thatford-ave, e s. 225 ft s of Glemmore-ave, 25x100, foreclosure; William J Buttling to Mary E Brush 2.100 ABRAHAM AND Brooklyn, N. Y. STRAUS.

To Americans going abroad, we cordially extend the freedom of the sumptuously appointed Reading and Writing Rooms in our Paris Office, 28 Avenue de l'Opera.

## 25.000 Women's Ribbed Vests Sacrificed.

One of the largest makers in the country of women's ribbed vests offered us for cash this season's entire production of his mill-about 25,000 garments-below cost. We accepted, and as a consequence of his loss you gain an opportunity to buy particularly good underwear at pigmy prices. We've divided the assortment into two lots as follows:

Women's Richelleu Ribbed Vests, fine cotton, in [ around neck and arms, also elik tapes, worth 

### More of Our Excellent Silk Offerings.

### Trimmed Hats at Half Price.

# Shirt Waist Sale.

Buy your Shirt Waist to-morrow and you'll get the best bargain of the season. Thousands of the newest and prettiest patterns to choose from-all made in the best manner of the best materials-every one of them stylish, cool and comfortablethe very pink of shirt waist perfection. Take your pick tomorrow at the following remarkably low prices:

1,000 Waisis, laundered collar and cuffs, in pretty shades of pink and blue, stripe — value [15], and [15]

# Suits, Skirts and Jackets.

Women of taste will find this offering most attractive-no better chance to buy thoroughly good and stylish outer garments at such small prices was ever given to them.

Here are 175 Outing Suits that were made within the last few days to sell at 10.00 to 20.00 cach. They're of serge and brilliantine—many slik lined throughout—skirts and coats cut in the latest approved fashion—Our prices for them will be \$80.5, \$8.25 & \$10.45\$

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A large variety of Summer Dresses of lawn, mousseline, Dimity and Dotted Swiss—the per-fection of style, fit and finish—made to wear in or out doors—at... 4.98, 6.25, 7.45, 10.50, 15.00

## CIVIL SERVICE JURISDICTION.

A TEST CASE TO DETERMINE THE RIGHT OF AP-POINTMENTS IN COURT OFFICES.

A conference was held yesterday afternoon in the judges' chambers in the County Court as to the right of the local Civil Service Commission to examine applicants for positions in the various county departments. There were present at the meeting County Judges Hurd and Aspinall, Surrogate Abbott, Justice Clement, of the Supreme Court, and Corporation Counsel Burr. The meeting was a ecret session, but Mr. Burr said afterward that the mestion of the jurisdiction of the local Civil Service numission over the appointees of the former unity officers was discussed. To settle the question, it was decided that a test case should be alle and that it should be appealed from the Speak and that it should be appealed from the Speak. Term to the Appellate Division of the Supremaint, in order that the matter might be finally de-

cided.

This question of the authority of the Civil Service Chambission affects the offices of the Surrogate, the Registrar, the County Clerk, the Coroner, the District-Attorney and others. Previously all appointments were made by the officials themselves.

#### BLAMED FOR A BOY'S DEATH. Rafaele Colasnono, an Italian, was taken before

Justice Teale yesterday on a charge of man-slaughter in causing the death of George Suthergill. jr., nine years old, of No. 113 Canton-st. Young Suthergill died at noon on Friday, and just before his death he told his mother that he had fallen from a swing owned by the Italian at Canton and Sycamore sts., and that he had fallen because Colasnono had pushed the swing. The Italian denied the statement made by the boy, and William Walker, of No. 280 Tillary-st., confirms him. Young Walker says that Suthergill was made ill by the action of the swing, and that he received no fail. The defendant's swing, and that he received no fail. The defendant's attorney said that he could present several other witnesses, who would testify to the same effect. The swings in question were erected on Wednesday. On Thursday afternoon Suthergill and a companion visited the place. The bay returned home at 8 o'clock in the evening and complained of liness. The next morning Dr. Kidd, of Wilbughby-st, was called. The boy died at moon, and the doctor says that death was probably caused by a blow on the head, although he was unable to see any marks or bruless. Justice Teals held the Italian in \$1,500 honds, pending the action of the Coroner's Jury.

GEORGE E. CUTLER DEAD. George E. Cutler died yesterday morning at his

home, No. 885 Flatbush-ave. Mr Cutler was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1845. He enlisted in the Navy



"Madam, be so good as to lend me five marks—I'll pay it back, sure."
"But you've got nothing; how can you give me back the money."
"Oh, I'll beg it of you in instalments!"—(Fliegende libities.")

when a young man, and in 1861 he joined thereth Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment. At the close of the war he returned to Lowell and studied pharmacy. In 1879 he opened a store at East Broadway and Flatbushave, where he carried on a successful business. He was a member of the Kings County Lodge, No. 511. F. & A. M. He leaves a widow. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. J. G. Jackson, rector of St. Pau's Episcopal Church.

NOT GOSPEL MEN.

A SHOCKING REVELATION ABOUT FOREIGH MINISTERS.

Washington correspondence of The Chicago Record.

The wife of a member of the Cabinet brought with her to Washington last fall an old-fashioned colored mammy who is famous for her piety and her cooking, and the dinners she has prepared during the last two seasons have been the delight of the Cabinet clicle and the Diplomatic Corps, because they have been so different from the conventional dinners furnished by the fashionable caterers and the French chefs. There has been nothing like them in Washington since the war. But the other day Aunt Melinda came to her mistress with a very solemn air and decided that she was going back to Georgia; that she could not live in "dis hyah wicked, God-forsaken town no mob."

A little questioning disclosed the cause of dissatisfaction. Mammy's heart was broken.

"I'se toiled an' I's 'spired in dat dark ole basement kitchen, ober dat good-for-nothin' range, which ain't no piace for decent cooking nohow, 'spacilly fer sech as has hed cook houses all ter theirselves, an' I'se got the best dinners in de town, ca'se you'se told me so you'self, Miss Susie, 'sposin' dat dose forren Ministers what comes hyar so offen was Gospel men. But las' week I find devs mathin' but good-for-nothin' worthless, triffin' trash, dat ain't no preachers 'tail, and ain't no better dan infiddless. Dey don't preach nowhere, an' dey don't go to no church, an' dey ain't got no religion, an' som' er em caynt speak the Christion language. I cayn't cook for no such folks, Miss. Susie, no, I cayn't. I b'long to de Lod's people an' I cayn't. Linda," remonstrated the mistress, "they Washington correspondence of The Chicago Record.

Susie, no, I campit. I bliong to de Lod's people and I cayn't."

"But, Linda." remonstrated the mistress, "they are ladles and gentlemen and have done no wrong. If you mistook them for ministers of the Gospel it was not their fault. They never pretended to be. They are members of the Diplomatic Corps; representatives of foreign governments who come here to see the President, and they are called Ministers for that reason. I don't want you to go away. I can't get along without you. Now go back to the kitchen and think it over."

"I'se done thunk it ober, Miss Susie, and I'se rastled an' I'se prayed, but nobody has no right to call hisself a minister onless he preaches de Gospel. Dey is wolves in de sheep's clothin', and Jesus hab no part with dem furriners and sech."

"But Jesus was a foreigner," responded the mistress. "Jesus did not live in this country. He hived in Turkey, and the Turkish Minister is one of those that came here."

Aunt Melinda gazed at her mistress with astonishment. "Is you shoah ob dat?" she exclaimed.

"Yes; get your Bible and I will read you about it."

So began mammy's lessons in ecclesiastical geography and history, which resulted in modifying her sentiments; but she will never recover from her disappointment when she discovered that the foreign Ministers at Washington were not Gospel men.

A WILD REVEL.

From The Indianapolis Journal.

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"Say," said the man with the correct clothes and the bowed back and horny hands of a farmer, to the restaurant waiter, "have you got pig Jowl and greens here? An' buttermilk? An' cornbread? An' kin I shovel the truck in with a knife and take my coat off?"

The waiter told him he could be accommodated in all particulars.

The sx-farmer removed his coat and sat down opposite a man who looked as if he might be willing to listen, and explained:

"It's been two year now," said he, "sence we struck gas on the farm, and I ain't had a square meal sence. Been fillin' up on Charley horse Ruses, soofiay de allakazam, an' all them French dishes ever sence. That's what comes of marryin' a woman who believes in keepin' up with the percession when you got the price, as she puts it."

"I should think you would have rebelled long ago," said the listener.

"Would, but, you see, about three year ago I was so deep in debt that I had to put the farm in head so deep in debt that I had to put the farm in head so deep in debt that I had to put the farm in head of them fine hotels. I'm goin' to have a orgie of old-fashloned vittels, sasprilly pop, an' lett her at one of them fine hotels. I'm goin' to have a orgie of old-fashloned vittels, sasprilly pop, an' mebbe a beer of two, an' go back an' tell her what I've did, an' ef two, an' go back an' tell her what I've did, an' ef the waits to git a divorce she kin git it. Old Elli will hev hed his day of freedom for a few slories.